

the widows and children of pilots licensed since first October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, or of any such pilot and his wife or children in case of his temporary sickness, and pensions to any such pilot when permanently disabled by age or infirmity. The commissioners may also out of the General Pilotage Fund pay or contribute towards the funeral expenses of any pilot in such special and individual cases as the commissioners shall in their discretion think fit. The commissioners may also out of the General Pilotage Fund pay or contribute towards the cost of promoting or opposing any Bill in Parliament affecting the pilotage service or of otherwise protecting the interests of the pilots. The commissioners may also pay or contribute towards the cost of defending any pilot or pilots in any action or proceedings which may be brought against any pilot in such special cases as the commissioners may approve of.

51. No pension shall be assigned or assignable, and every pension shall be payable only to and against the receipt of the pensioner entitled thereto, and no attempt by any pensioner to anticipate, assign, mortgage, or otherwise deal with any pension shall be recognised or acted on.

52. For the purposes of the separate accounts to be returned to the Board of Trade, pursuant to section five hundred and eighty-five of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the income from funds from time to time invested at interest as part of the general pilotage fund shall be primarily applicable to payment of pensions, superannuations, and benefits pursuant to the foregoing bye-laws, and shall be accordingly annually transferred from the general pilotage fund to a separate account to be intitled "Receipts and expenditure in respect of pensions, superannuations, and other benefits," together with other items of receipts and expenditure appearing in the general pilotage fund applicable to pensions, superannuations, and benefits, and together with such further amount to be annually transferred from the general pilotage fund applicable to pensions, superannuations, and other benefits as shall, subject to working expenses from time to time, be available and required to balance the account of receipts and expenditure in respect of pensions, superannuations, and other benefits. Save as aforesaid, the general pilotage fund shall continue to be administered as heretofore.

53. All funds now in or hereafter coming into the possession of the commissioners in respect of the Tyne pilotage district, and available for investment, including the amalgamated sea and river pilots fund, may be and remain at the discretion of the commissioners invested, and may be from time to time invested and re-invested upon any of the following securities, namely:—

(1.) Upon loan to the Tyne Improvement Commissioners upon any of the securities on which these Commissioners are from time to time authorized by law to borrow money.

(2.) In any post office savings' bank.

(3.) In the public funds.

(4.) Upon real securities of freehold or copyhold tenure in England or Wales.

(5.) Upon the debentures or debenture stock or the preference stock or preferred ordinary stock of any English, Scotch or Welsh railway company.

(6.) Upon the securities offered by any municipal corporation, body of commissioners, harbour authority or other corporation aggregate in England authorized by law to borrow money, including any debenture or preference stock of any gas or water company incorporated

by Act of Parliament or by any Provisional Order confirmed by Parliament.

(7.) In the purchase of real property situate in England.

(8.) In addition to the foregoing, upon any of the securities upon which a trustee is authorized to invest trust funds by "The Trustee Act, 1893," or by any amendment thereof, or by any other statutory authority in force for the time being applicable to trustees and trust funds.

Penalties for Breach of Bye-laws.

54. Every pilot or assistant offending against or contravening any of the preceding bye-laws or any bye-law hereafter ordained by the commissioners, or any rules, orders, regulations, or ordinances from time to time made by the commissioners shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding five pounds. The commissioners shall assess the amount of penalty to be paid in each case, and shall have power to deduct the same from any money belonging to the pilot in their hands, or which may afterwards be earned by the pilot offending. In addition to this penalty, any pilot so offending is and is hereby made liable to have his license restricted, recalled, or suspended by the commissioners or by any committee of the commissioners.

At the Court at *Sandringham House*, the 1st day of *December*, 1906.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the twenty - first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and six, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service provision is made for the recovery of debts owing by Officers to Ships' Messes by deduction thereof from their Full Pay :

"And whereas in the cases of Officers discharged to Half Pay or to the Retired List the balance of Full Pay has on occasions been found insufficient to meet the full amount of the debt :

"And whereas by section three of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted inter alia that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council :

"And whereas we consider it is desirable that we should have greater power of control with regard to the settlement of debts of the nature above specified :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that any Pay, Half Pay, Pension, Retired Pay, Gratuity, or other allowances payable to an Officer shall be liable to be abated in order to meet Mess Debts or other liabilities in respect of his Mess or any similar debts or liabilities, subject always to any general regulations which we may think fit to make in that behalf and subject to any special